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Preliminary Figures...

# 109 Teachers Put On Notice!!

# Administration Drops A Bombshell

By Joanne Brown

The School Committee dropped its first real bombshell in conjunction with Proposition 2½ at Tuesday evening's meeting when they approved notifying 109 Agawam teachers of possible layoffs.

Of that total figure, 43 are non-tenured teachers and

the remainder are on tenure with up to seven years of service in the system. The total represents approximately one-third of the system's professional staff. Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert cited off-

the-cuff remarks made by town councilors assigned to monitor the School Department budget sessions as the reason for the stepped-up procedure and the additional names included in the list.

At Monday evening's budget session, Councilor Andrew Gallano had indicated he thought the School Committee would probably be asked to cut its budget more than they were currently doing. The remark was made spontaneously in response to a query from School Board Chairman Walter Balboni as to Gallano's feelings on the matter.

Hebert reported that he and his staff had completed compiling the list of 109 names only one hour before the Tuesday meeting began. He emphasized that a maximum number "safety factor" had been built in to the list allowing enough leeway to cover the School Board legally, but that he did not believe the entire

list of teachers would be let go.

"The law requires a 30-day warning prior to notification of possible layoff be given to tenured teachers," Hebert pointed out to board members. According to the Agawam Education Association contract, notices of possible layoff must be sent out by

Hebert strongly recommended the board take immediate action on the 30-day warning time so as to meet that April 15th contract date with a proper

period of warning for those individuals on tenure.

Balboni explained, "We have to cover ourselves legally. We hope not to have to let that many go, but since we don't know what the total monies available to us from town funds will be, we have to prepare for the worst while hoping for better.

According to Hebert, notification of non-tenured teachers who have been routinely hired on a one-year basis over the past few years has to take place in any event. The requirement for 30 days warning prior to notifying those on tenure made action imperative at

Hebert did point out that these notices, which will be sent out following the committee's April 14th meeting, make these teachers eligible, in most cases, for unemployment compensation.

We are, in effect, telling them they do no have a job any longer," he explained.



Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert dropped the administration's first real Prop. 2 1/2 bombshell Tuesday night with the announcement that 108 teachers will be notified of possible layoffs. Photo by Jack Devine.



School Board Chairman Walter Balboni said the board was covering itself legally by giving 108 teachers notice of possible layoffs. Photo by Jack

**Union Officials Express Shock** 

By Joanne Brown

Reaction from teachers to the School Committee's release of 109 names of teachers who may possibly be laid off range from "shocked" to "disheartened."
Many teachers expressed resentment at not receiving any previous indication that the number would be so

high.
Reportedly, teachers had been expecting approximately 40 or so letters of notification to be sent, but substantially fewer of those individuals actually to be

Agawam Education Association President Peter Lowrey expressed shock and surprise at such a high

number of possible layoffs. "I'm very disappointed that it took this long to determine the number of teachers," Lowrey declared. "Teachers have been allowed a false sense of security, and the action tonight will definitely have

a detrimental effect on morale. Teachers who thought they were secure yesterday will now wonder."

Lowrey went on to emphasize the ill effects he foresees if such a large number of teachers are let go.

"Our school system cannot afford to have such a large layoff of teachers. It would result in shambles,"

He and other AEA officers spent hours on the telephone Tuesday evening giving personal information to each tenured teacher on the list. He announced he was calling a meeting off all teachers involved to inform them of what association officers had been told and to discuss ways they can handle their notices.

According to Lowrey, nothing actually can be done to combat this "disaster" except to change 2½ in its current form. He noted that the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA) is now organizing those opposed to 2½ in order to inform the Legislature of what is actually happening.

On March 28th, a protest rally is scheduled at Boston Common for all those who will be affected by

21/2 and for those who refuse to live with its effects. Preliminary information has been aimed at any person unhappy with 21/2, not just at teachers.

Local attendance at this rally is expected to run high. Buses will be rented and further information will be forthcoming on the nominal fee to be charged

Lowrey and AEA Executive Secretary Larry O'Brien plan to visit Rep. Edward Connelly and Sen. Alan Sisitsky at the State House this Thursday to inform them personally of what is actually taking place with 21/2 and the concerns of the teachers.

Lowrey tried to be optimistic when pressed for a feeling on the number of teachers who may actually be let go. "The final figure rests with the Town Council, and I have faith that they, even in their desire to comply with 21/2, will recognize the detrimental effect of laying off this many teachers."

#### Eleventh Hour News... Board

The Advertiser/News today learned that the School Committee, after a marathon 3 1/2 hour executive Tuesday night, voted 4-3 to nullify a contracted merit raise for Superintendent of Schools Louis J. Hebert and also put into deep freeze any administrative pay raises for the

1981-82 budget. The committee, following the tense 4-3 vote, then voted 4-3 not to disclose publicly their decision to forego Hebert's January, 1981, merit raise. This decision not to go public was backed

# Negates Hebert Merit Raise

up by Attorney John Teahan.

At press time the Board was scheduled to put the final touches on both the merit raise for Hebert's January, 1981 evaluation and for \$5,000 in pay raises for he, Assistant Superintendent James Bruno and Business Manager James

Hebert received a \$3,000 merit raise in June, 1980 followed by a 6.5 percent cost-of-living hike

Last week School Attorney John Teahan ruled that, despite a favorable evaluation given to Hebert by the majority of the board, the board was not obligated to grant a second merit raise, nor a second cost-of-living hike since last July.

Hebert's salary will remain just under \$41,000 if the second proposed raise fails to receive a majority vote at Thursday evening's budget session. The vote follows a bitter controversy over the

Superintendent's salary.

# Pine View Residents Vow To Fight Any Big Development In Their Backyard

What is really going on at Pine View Circle? Several weeks ago it was announced, unexpectedly, at a Planning Board meeting, that a Newton-based firm was conducting a feasibility study for subsidized

housing, the second such venture to come into the community (Pheasant Hill was the first).

No Application Yet

While no building application has been filed at

Town Hall at press time, residents of the Pine View Circle area are worried about the rumors that a huge development will be constructed right in their back

yards.
"We felt something was happening back there months ago," says Pine View Circle resident James Devanski, a spokesman for a neighborhood group which has vowed to fight any such development.

"There was tree cutting and surveying going on there last year. When we approached the Planning Board in February, that's when we first caught wind

of a subsidized housing development."

Actually, it was DPW chief John Stone who told the residents that site documents had been requested by Environmental Housing Corporation of Newton Heights for a subsidized housing project. Residents in the neighborhood, since Stone's

disclosure, have been busily gathering data and information on the 40-acre parcel, which lies between Main, South, Suffield and Adams Streets.

Refused To Sign Last Thursday night the Planning Board refused to sign plans which would allow the sale of three landlocked acres of land to local developer James Mercadante, which Devanski says will open the doors to Mercadante selling the land the John Beltrandi, a longtime prominent developer in the community.

Beltrandi's name has been mentioned in the scheme of things as a possible agent for Environmental Housing. It was Beltrandi who developed Pheasant Hill

Village in Feeding Hills.
According to Devanski, Beltrandi transferred just under an acre of land to Mercadante on December 10 under the name of Walnut Hill Inc. The Pine Street resident asserts that the sale provided another access point to Mercadante's property on Pine View Circle.

Prior to the transfer, Devanski says, Mercadante's parcel only had access from Main Street.

Planners refused to green light Mercadante's requested purchase of the three landl;cked acres because Mercadante's map lacked existing frontage on Main Street and building plots were not shown, planner Harold Ellis said.

Ellis, and other insiders, however, are more worried about the so-called "Snob-Zoning" law, which, if it applied to the 40-acre parcel, would pave the way for a big subsidized housing development behind Pine

The snob-zoning law allows developers to come into a community and build low income housing, subsidized by the federal government.

Ellis, who is a well-known proponent of growth here, stated that he opposes any such snob-zoning development in the community which does not meet with local approval.

'I want to make it clear that I'm speaking in terms of the general community and not one specific location," he said. "As far as Pine View Circle is concerned, no application has been filed as far that I am aware of so it would be premature to give any statements on that situation at this time."

**Board of Appeals** Ellis, when further questioned on the matter, admitted that a potential subsidized development on Pine View Cirlce need not come before any municipal agency for final approval except the Board of Appeals, which also occurred in the case of Pheasant Hill Village.

If the Appeals Board refused to okay a zone change from residential to multi-family to allow for the project, developers could then appeal the decision to state authorities who could overturn the local board.

"I really don't like this so-called snob-zoning law because it circumvents home rule," Ellis said. "I have supported other developments in the community in the past but those have been in our hands to decide and that's the way it should be."

Devanski says his group will continue to monitor the situation and plans to fight the issue if a zone change for multi-family dwellings is requested by either Beltrandi or the Newton firm.

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monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 18th at the Colosseum Banquet House, West Springfield, with cocktails at 520 and dinner at 6:20

5:30 and dinner at 6:30.

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District Attorney Mat-thew Ryan Jr., who will outline the duties and responsibilities of his of-

fice with a question-andanswer period to follow. T:e business meeting

wishing to join the group may contact Frances Combs, CPS, at the Great Oak Insurance Co., 66 In-

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will follow.



Representatives William Mullins (D-Ludlow) and Edward W. Connelly speak to reporters at a press conference Friday. The two local legislators are co-sponsoring a bill that would force the state government to return all revenues from the Mass. sales tax back to cities and towns. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Connelly-Mullins Kickoff Big Sales Tax Campaign

At a press conference Friday at the Public Library, State Representatives Edward W. Connelly and William D. Mullins, (D-Ludlow) announced the start of a campaign that would force the Commonwealth to use all proceeds gained by the Mass. sales tax to be applied to the local aid fund to cities and towns.

Combat 2 1/2

According to the two representatives, their bill, now before the Legislature's Committee on Taxation, would help combat Proposition 2 1/2 in the BayState.

In a joint statement, the legislators noted that when the sales tax was overwhelmingly approved by voters in 1966, it was understood that the revenues would be

given back to cities and towns.

"At the present time," Connelly said, "only 40 percent of the sales tax proceeds are used for local aid. What's left over, approximately 60 percent, goes to the state's general fund.

"And we just don't buy that," he added.
As for numbers, Mullins said that an additional \$3.92 million would be applied to further property tax relief if all sales tax money for the current fiscal year

"Because of inflation, this figure would escalate in future years," Mullins explained. "It would not only help insulate Prop. 2 1/2 but also be an asset down the

The Ludlow Rep. said that "all 351 cities and towns" in the Commonwealth approved the sales tax in 1966 with the stipulation that the revenues would be returned to cities and towns.

Bill of Goods
"Voters were sold a bill of goods that just doesn't stand up now and I can't imagine each and every

representative not voting for this," he added.
Connelly acknowledged that the bill would mandate cuts in state spending. The former selectman however, quickly pinpointed some \$224 million in state cuts without touching education and human

"The message on Prop. 2 1/2 is clear enough and I believe the state should heed the message and give the taxpayers back their sales tax money." Connelly

According to Connelly, the Taxation Committee may hold a hearing within a week. Both legislators promised to bring their measure to a "full floor fight" if the committee fails to give the bill a favorable

While vowing to battle any new state taxes to offset the ramifications of Proposition 2 1/2, Connelly said both he and Mullins would "inform all officials in the

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# Athletic Budget Passes; **Team Transportation Cut**

By Joanne Brown

In a surprising turnaround from a previous vote, the School Committee granted tentative approval to a \$63,500 athletic budget at their session last Monday evening. The move came only minutes after the exact

same proposal has been defeated on a tie vote.

The approved budget eliminates School Department funding for transportation of all sports teams next year. Also included among the cuts from the original \$88,000 requested were funds for mat reconditioning, coaches' clinics, and filming the football games. No currently sponsored sports programs were touched except to combine the boys' and girls' swimtouched except to combine the boys' and girls' swim-

Prior to opening discussion, Business Manager James Coon carefully stated the administration's position on this portion of the budget. "We are approaching athletics on the grounds that it is a necessary adjunct to the school curriculum," Coon

He went on to explain that Agawam was departing from other communities who have taken action from providing no funds at all for athletics programs to those who have instituted programs on a user's fee

The Agawam School Committee did not discuss imposing user's fees beyond requesting minimal information on how such fees might possibly be implemented. Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert indicated that he had worked out a sliding scale which could be put into effect, but a more detailed explanation was never asked for:

The elimination of funding for sports teams transportation is consistent with other parts of the budget which have also cut transportation funding. School Committee members declared that they felt they could count on booster clubs, parents, and the general community to pick up on the funding for transportation.

The question of insurance for third-party (parents) transporting of team members arose. Coon indicated that the School Department's insurance would provide coverage where individual policies left off. This aspect was not clearly worked out as yet.

Hebert detailed two ways in which the transportation problem might be handled. One involves parents themselves driving members of smaller teams such as ski or golf squads. The other would have parents and/or booster clubs assume the cost of continued bussing of larger teams.

"Realistically, larger teams with bulky equipment will still require bussing," Hebert noted. "All indications now lead us to believe booster clubs will aid in

Mrs. Snyder Seeks More Cuts

Board member Venetta Snyder was the only member who consistently called for greater cuts in the athletic budget

"I don't think this budget has been tightened as much as it can be," she stressed. "We should look into an intra-mural program more carefully, and I want to know just which sports we'll be fielding teams in on the junior high level."

This last comment was made in reference to previous statements by Hebert that some communities are not sponsoring teams at the junior high/freshman level. He told board members that Agawam will not know what kind of schedule is playable until all communities have made their decisions. He indicated that Agawam would probably have to cut out some teams now included in the budget if not enough other teams were available to

Mrs. Snyder reacted to this remark declaring, "I think it's unfair to deny students enrichment activities or in academic areas now only to have a lot of money go unused in the athletic account later on."

Hebert reported that he had attended a recent meeting with athletic directors and superintendents from neighboring communities at which many similar problems were discussed, but no one knows

for certain what anyone else is doing yet.

A vote for tentative approval of \$63,519 for this budget was defeated on a 3-3 tie vote with Tom Ennis absent. Almost immediately thereafter, a reconsideration of the same motion resulted in a 5-1 affirmative vote. Mrs. Jessie Fuller and Richard Borgatti were the members to change their stances. Mrs. Snyder cast the sole dissenting vote.

School Board member Venetta Snyder was the only member of the Board who consistently called for greater cuts in the athletic budget. "I don't think this budget has been tightened as much as it can be," she stressed Monday night. Photo by Jack Devine.

#### Cancer Crusade Chairman For '81 Announced

The chairpersons for various committees for the 1981 Cancer Crusade have recently been announced. Many of these dedicated individuals have served for years in an attempt to help stop the nation's number two killer. They are as follows:

General chairman, Ruth Zucco; Special Events Chairman, Stanley Chmielewski; Special Events man, State Rep. Edward Connelly; Business & Industry Chairman, Thomas Russo; House to House Chairman, Paula Rodier.

Also, Clubs & Organizations Chairman, Raymond Favreau; Bar Bucks, Joe and Ernie Lombardi; Banks-Westfield Savings Bank Manager Harry Camyre and Westbank Manager Ellen Bellows; Publicity, Susan Nardi; and Photography, Jack Devine.







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# Water-Sewer To Be Fought

By Stephen Gazillo

The principal policy issue in the upcoming budget sessions of Town Council will be the matter of funding of the town's water and sewer systems, Town Manager Richard Bowen said today

Cost Allocation

Bowen has proposed raising water and sewer rates by 53 percent and 125 percent respectively. Part of his objective is to make both department's selfsufficient through full-cost allocation.

The proposal, tabled by the council until after the budget is fully disclosed on March 31, appears to be dividing councilors into two camps, those who favor. the rate increases, and those who oppose it on the grounds that the council should look to trimming other areas before unleashing the new rates on to townspeople.

Councilor Stephen Cincotta, one who opposes the rate increase, stated today that he will continue to fight any attempt to raise water and sewer fees until it is proven beyond any doubt that the increase is

He expects to argue in the upcoming budget session for more efficient operating procedures before allowing any changes in the current rate structure.

"We have to clean up our in-house operations before we go out and ask people for money to run these systems," Cincotta said.

Bowen has stated repeatedly that he wants both the water and sewer departments to operate on a full-cost allocation basis, which would mean adding expenses for billing procedures, data processing, and other work currently not accounted for in each of the departments operating expenses.

True Picture

This, he has said, would give a true picture on what it costs to run the water and sewer departments and

would justify the increase.
Cincotta, however, said he hopes to see proportionate reductions in other departments before he is convinced the rate increases are necessary

He added that Bowen may have used poor timing in disclosing his water and sewer plan before the total budget is revealed.

On the other side of the coin is councilor Andrew C. Gallano, who argues that the council in in violation of its own ordinance, (Section 19-11 of the town laws) which states that the water department rates should be sufficient to pay for all operating expenses within the department

Gallano maintains that Town Accountant Carol Taylor's report that the water department is operating in a deficit is correct.

"Unless someone can show me another way, we're going to have increase the rates of the water and sewer departments," Gallano said.

Councilor John Bartnik said he will go along with the rate increases "as long as it's used to pay for the system." He pointed out that other communities, because of Proposition 2 1/2 restrictions, are faced with the same situation and are dealing with it by imposing higher rates for services.

Also in favor of the water and sewer rate increases is council vice-president William Herd, who agreed with Gallano that the present rates do. not cover the true allocated costs of both departments.

#### Show A Surplus

Councilor Donald Rheault, on the other hand, said that the water department's budgets over the past 5-6 years show a surplus. "I have mixed emotions whether the fee increases are war-ranted," he said. "Maybe it's time we started cutting other things before we look to higher rates, he added.

Rheault aruges that voters sent a message with Proposition 2 1/2 and that prudence with tax dollars and cutting "fat" must precede charging fees.



Town Manager Richard Bowen says the water-sewer department's proposed fee increases will be one of this budget's principal issues. Photo by Jack Devine.

# **Council Stops** Agenda Item

By Stephen Gazillo

Town Councilor Donald Rheault today charged that the council has "muzzled itself" by eliminating the item known as "other business" from the regular agenda of the meetings.

Last week the council voted 7-6 to remove the portion of the agenda called "any other matter that may legally come before the council" of all future council

The item was always placed last on the agenda and was used as a means of posing various questions to the town manager on public record.

Councilor Richard Theroux, who introduced the motion before the council, argued that the item should be removed in order to have a set format allowing the public to have full knowledge of what is

on the agenda "prior to meetings."

Rheault said the item served as the "voice of the people" on the agenda. He stated that it is "a serious step backwards, as what was previously done in public will now be done behind closed doors."

Theroux maintains that councilors have ample time to place items on the agenda and that if something urgent comes up, councilors can exercise suspension of the rules in order to place important items before

Some observers have noted that councilors opted

for removing "other business" from the agenda because it was abused by certain councilors.

Those who voted to nave the item removed were Theroux, Bartnik, Cincotta, Trehey, Fieldstad, Nardi, Paleologopoulos, Gallano and Serra. Those who voted against removal were Rheault, Bonavita, DeForge, err, and Herd.

## Westfield Savings Achieves Top Totals

The Westfield Savings Bank achieved record totals in all major banking categories during the past year, Chairman of the Board and President Arthur Knapp told the quarterly meeting of the board of trustees recently. Total assests on January 31 of this year were \$153.3 million, a gain of \$9.8 million over the same 1980 date.

Savings deposits totaled \$139.8 million, and mortgage loans totaled \$112 million.

Knapp and the trustees discussed extended hours that have gone into effect at the bank's drive-in branch in Westfield and the bank's Individual Retirement Account and Keogh Plan programs. Both of these programs have the dual advantage of being taxdeferred savings and providing the saver with an opportunity to plan for future retirement years.

Knapp summarized his remarks by declaring Westfield Savings Bank off to a good start on 1981 with a satisfactory year anticipated.



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Sherrif Michael Ashe and Chief Paul Fenton of Springfield of the Easter Seal Society Coffee Day Campaign '81 in Western Mass. announce that the campaign will run from March 5th to the 19th. Local chairmen in picture are POLICE CHIEF STANLEY CHMIELEWSKI and SAFETY OFFICER ALFRED LONGHI. Restaurants across the state will sell "Coffee Day Buttons" for one dollar each. Customers then redeem their purchase by displaying their buttons on Thursday, March 19 and receiving a free cup of coffee. Photo by Jack Devine.

#### Local Man Elected To State Jaycee Post

Fran Milliken of 114 Channell Drive was recently elected President of the Massachusetts Jaycees International Senate. The group is comprised of Jaycees Senators who hold membership for life in the international organization.

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Thursday, March 19 **Planning Board** 7:30 p.m. Town Hall



Milliken will head the 400-member organization through February of 1982.

The Agawam Jaycees, in an effort to recruit new members, will offer an orientation night on Tuesday, March 17th at SPAN Center beginning at 7:30. The meeting will feature a brief history of the local group, an explanation of Jaycees, some highlights of Jaycee

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# THE BEST: TOUCHETTE'S

#### By Rita White

The engagement ring is on your finger. What comes next? First on the agenda would be to sit down and decide just what type of wedding you want to have, how many people you intend to invite, and how much money you feel you can spend. Now, before you go chasing around trying to figure out all those other details, call TOUCHETTE'S CATERING.

Last week in our Bride's Guide, Touchette's Catering placed a half-page advertisement which shattered. hopefully for all time, the myth that Jeff Allen (the Touchette family's ever-popular restaurant located at O'Brien's Corner) and the catering service are one

Touchette's Catering has been in the business a long time. Back in 1959, Touchette's was giving bridal shows to demonstrate and help the future bride. You'll have to go a long way to find anyone as experienced as Touchette's when it comes to planning. They have handled everything from a cold cut platter for a business luncheon meeting to the opening of Bay State West which meant three days of activities and planning for 12,000 people.

When you call Touchette's Catering, Mr. Robert Touchette will be more than happy to come to your home and discuss everything with you. He can recommend the ideal place to hold your wedding reception. He is familiar with most of the places in the area and knows their facilities, the number of people they will hold comfortably, what will suit your needs. He can recommend bands, bakeries, and counsel you on your invites, color schemes in line with your color choice for the wedding, and things that you might otherwise spend a lot of wasted time on.

Aside from the reception itself, you may be think-

ing of having food prepared for home after for those people who like to continue on the celebration. Again, this can all be handled.

Touchette's Catering is prepared to handle anything you want from a small buffet up to a complete gourmet meal. And you can be assured that what he tells you will be included is indeed included. He has many pictures of previous occasions which he can show which will not only give you confidence in his

work, but may help you decide certain things

The main thing to remember is to plan early enough. A year really is not too long to be planning a wedding when you have to consider booking a church, getting a hall for the reception, getting a b. .d, aside from planning the gowns, flowers, guests. etc. It is a major undertaking.

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#### By Penny Stone

Proud Agawam grandparents MR.& MRS. PERCY MICKEY of 11 Brookline Avenue, Feeding Hills, recently welcomed a new addition to their expanding family. Weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and measuring an even 20 inches, CATHERINE ANNE arrived on February 2nd to the delight of her parents BEVERLY & DAVID VISSOE, formerly of Agawam. The Bissoes have been living in Perryville-Wakefield, Rhode Island for the past ten years, but keep abreast of hometown happenings through the Agawam Adver-

Catherine has a two-year-old brother RYAN to com-pete with, but so far, big brother is all excited about his new playmate.

Paternal grandparents are CHRIS & FLORENCE VISSOE, also from Perryville-Wakefield. Great grandparents include MRS. SARA MICKEY of 95 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, and MRS. CORA SPAFFORD of 61 Harney Street, West Spr-

Recently promoted to Loan Officer of the Third National Bank in Agawam was DIANE FISHER, present branch manager. Following two years training in Indian Orchard and work as assistant manager, Diane became Manager of Customer Services and has been upward-bound ever since.

Diane enjoys her new position with the Agawam bank, explaining that "There's a good mixture of commercial and consumer business here which I find very interesting." She has served as manager here for the past year.

In addition to being mother to her two teenage boys in their Granby home, Diane finds time for many community organizations as well. She is presently serving as treasurer of Agawam's newly-formed Chamber of Commerce, Good luck, Diane.

Some children were inadvertantly left out of last week's write-up about the talented students who recently earned places in area-wide musical groups. Therefore, here it is corrected:

Placing in the All District Jazz Rock Ensemble were TODD CONNERY-1st trumpet, JIM KALLIPOLITES-2nd, ED GRIMALDI-3rd, and MIKE BRIGGS-4th; PAUL JOSEPH- 1st trombone and CHRIS TOURVILLE-3rd trombone.

Students earning placement in the All District Concert Band include DIANA PORTER and DAWN DONATINI-flute, DONNA WESLEY and CHRIST NOLL-clarinet, COLLEEN NOFTALL-alto-clarinet, MICHAEL CHAUSSE-drums, PETER SUTTON-tuba, JIM CROWLEY, TIM HEBERT, and KELLEY BOLDUC- trumpet, and KAREN CONWAYtrombone. Students accepted for placement in both groups were required to choose a preference.

Successfull auditioning for All District Chorus were

these Agawam 8th and 9th graders: sopranos DIANNE FISHER, STACY MORSE, MELISSA
LUDEMANN, KARIN MILLS, and SHAWNE
WHITE; altos - SAMANTHA WOODS, GINA
LATELLIER, and LISA ALLDER; baritones - MATT
SOFFEN, JOHN LOSITO, MIKE KARAM, BILL
CHAMPAIGNE, and MIKE PAYNE.

These 30 students competed with youngsters from many area towns for these positions and Agawam is proud of them and their music instructors ver

Following only two full days of group rehearsal, these young musicians will be performing for the public on April 11th, which illustrates the high level of ability these children must possess. Bravo! Bravo!

If you had two sons, each of whom was doing very well in his respective field, wouldn't you be proud? Well, MR. & MRS. RALPH COUGHLIN of 168 Franklin Street, Feeding Hills, have plenty of reason to be proud of their sons.

BRET is nearing graduation from Holy Cross College in Worcester, where he is a pre-med student. He has been accepted at the George Washington School of Medicine and has worked as a research assistant under Dr. John Turner, a specialist in radiology and tobacco abuse at the Wesson Memorial Hospital.

The Coughlin's older son, KEVIN, is a 1976 graduate of Agawam High who went on to Springfield College and is now enrolled in Tufts' Dental School in Boston. Like Bret, Kevin plans to go on to further learning, but specific future plans are still in the forming stages. We'd like to wish all the Coughlins the best of luck in whatever they may do.

Call Penny at home (786-9144) or drop her a note at 72 Federal Street with any interesting events happening in your life - recent promotions, special honors, new baby, funny incident. That's what this column is all about - YOU. You may also call this newspaper at 786-7747 and leave her a message.

The Agawam Advertiser/News



# For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

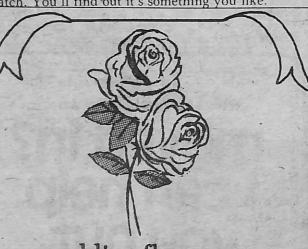
By Rita White

Please do no forget the Colon Cancer Clinic at the Senior Center. It's very important and can save you a lot of pain and trouble later. You can still go to the center and pick up the kits necessary for the testing. Also, next week, the center will be providing a special lunch menu to go along with the testing. You are not allowed red meats among other things, so next week's menu runs like this: Monday-manicotti, broccoli, pears; Tuesday-vegetable soup, cottage cheese, salad, roll and an orange; Wednesday-turkey tettrazini, carrots, apple turnovers; Thursday-spinach pie, red beet salad, custard; Friday-fish kabobs, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetable and cookies. A nice selection even if you are not taking the test.

There is a trip being planned for the Holyoke Mall on April 7th. The cost will be \$1.50. Give the center a call for more details. 786-0400, ext. 242.

I'm sure everyone remembers the wonderful art exhibit that was at the Senior Center recently. It was such success that the center is planning something along similar lines. Sometime in the near future, the center would like to have a craft fair. If you have some unusual craft or something in the art line, please contact Margarete or Dorothy and let them know about it. When they have enough people who are interested, they can plan a specific date. Sounds like fun. Come on, all you closet artists, let's see what you've been doing.

Monday is time again to sign up for circle dancing. The last set included the lessons for 14 dances and everyone really had a good time. There is room for more people so be sure to stop in Monday and at least watch. You'll find out it's something you like



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"Irene's Closet" held a fashion show at the Agawam Senior Center this week and the following individuals participated: Ursella O'Neil/Nancy Cushman, Jean Suffriti, Angela Batchelder, Maureen Trempe, Lee Faits, Erin Shepard with daughter Sarah, Ann Shea, Alice Squazza, Dorothy Phillips, Irene Scanlon (the shop's owner). Photo by Jack Devine.

The highlight of the Senior Center this week was the fashion show which took place during the lunch hour on March 9th. The fashions were from IRENE'S CLOSET on Springfield Street in Agawam. Models included Ann Shea, Angela Bacheldor, Mary Miller, Lee Faits, Nancy Cushman, Alice Squazza, Dorothy Phillips, Maureen Trempe, Jeanne Safretti, Lillian Scott, Anita Drews, who is associated with Irene's Closet, and Aaron Sheppard and her 2-year-old daughter Sarah. Fashions ranged from an antique satin wedding gown from the late 1800's to contemporary 3-piece outfits and coats. The men at the center seemed to enjoy the fashion show as much as the ladies. Many thanks to Irene Scanlon.

You people aren't letting me know about birthdays. anniversaries, new grandchildren, and other things of importance to your lives. Give me a call or drop me a line and let's hear about it. Rita White, 81 Witheridge Street, Feeding Hills 786-4970.

Give a gift today It's an easy thing to do. Give someone a smile, They'll give it back to you.

Rita White

#### Grange Will Meet

Community Grange will meet Tuesday evening, March 17th at 7:30 at the Grange Home on the West Street.

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# Nardi Spahgetti Suppper Big Success



Councilor Fred Nardi, and A&P Vice-President Burt Weinbaum were two of the Kitchen Crews' key figures in making the Donald Nardi Memorial Road Race Spahgetti Supper a sterling success Saturday evening. A large throng of townsfolk flowed through the Middle School Cafeteria to help benefit the road race committee. According to Mr. Nardi, this turnout was most gratifying to the four-member committee which includes Joe Davis, Elery Montagna, Chief Stanley Chmielewski and Postmaster Joe Dahdah. Photo by Jack Devine.

#### Lions Club Schedules Corned Beef Supper

The Agawam Lions Club will hold a Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper on Wednesday, March 18th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School on

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#### St. John's Men Set Corned Beef Dinner

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This event is open to all men of the parish. Bob Griffen, general chairman of the affair, emphasizes that the affair will be of interest to men of all ages. The Agawam Police will give a presentaion on the Crime Watch program following dinner. Music will be pro-

vided by Rick Jagadowski and Tom Albano.

Tickets are \$5 each and may be obtained by calling John Anderson (786-8210) or Irving LaFleur (786-2232). Final date for reservations is March 15th. Also serving on the committee are Jack Morin, Jack Ferioli, Bernie Tatro, and Phil DeForge.

#### Theosophical Society Schedules Lecture

The Springfield Theosophical Society will sponsor a slide-illustrated lecture on "Astral Projection and the Out-of-Body Experience" by noted psychical researcher Boyce Batey on Sunday, March 15th, at 2:30 p.m. at the Capt. Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam. A donation is requested at the door.

Batey has done extensive research in many areas of parapsychology. He is a graduate of Princeton University and has studied at J.B. Rhine's Parapsychology Laboratory at Duke University.

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 9 - 13 Patch The Pony Jaycee-ettes **Police Department** 

March 17th Corn Beef Supper St. John's Church **Parish Center** 7 p.m.

March 18th **Corn Beef Supper** Lions Club Middle School 5 to 7 p.m.

March 5-7 & 12-14 A.R.T. Production '6 RMS RIV VU' Lincoln Hall Rifle St., Spfld. 8:15 P.M.

March 22 **Monte Carlo Night** Junior Women -Rotary Chez Josef 4 to 9 p.m.



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We will be running this column weekly to inform you of the hours of services at your house of worship. Activities at your parish hall and other items of interest concerning parish doings may be submitted for publication in our social pages. We encourage parishes to appoint a person to be responsible for publicity. This information is furnished as a public service.

#### AGAWAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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#### Wednesday evenings: Prayer group meetings 7:30 AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Wednesday evening: Prayer group meetings 7:00 FEEDING HILLS CONG. CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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823 Main Street, Agawam 786-8105 Fr. Karl Huller

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#### FEATURES PAGE...

# Backstage At A.R.T.

By Rita White

The actors have taken their final curtain call and the stage is now dark. The audience is leaving the theatre a\$d, as they go out, we can hear them talking about the show. They were impressed.

It all begins with Community Theatre. In the case of Agawam, our community theatre is called AGAWAM REPERTORY THEATRE, or A.R.T. as we shall call it from here on

Agawam has had a community theatre for close to sixteen years now. The first ten years, it was known as the CHALKLINERS. When this group dissolved, A.R.T. came into being. A.R.T. is made up of a group of civic-minded individuals who, while they enjoy what they are doing, also feel they are contributing something to the community. Community theatre is a touch of culture, a learning experience, a place for people with many different talents to find a place to express those talents and be creative.

express those talents and be creative.

There is an area for everyone to become involved in. Administration: A.R.T. has a Board of Directors. There is always a great need for the person who has organizational talents, a business head, the person who enjoys the world of finance. Some of these people never have any desire to step on a stage, but they still feel a sense of accomplishment when they see that final curtain come down.

The play and its director are chosen by a reading committee, and then the producer or, in many instances, co-producers have a lot of responsibility ahead of them. Since A.R.T. has no permanent home, it is a traveling theatre. Each time a show is planned, the producer must find a suitable place to stage the production, dates that are available there, facilities for the cast to rehearse, and other considerations such as comfort of the audience and accessibility of the location.

The producer also controls the pursestrings for the show. This means trying to stay within a budget and showing some profits after the show. It is these profits that enable community theatre to continue as they are self-supporting.

The director is responsible for the finished job you see on stage. It's his vision of the play as he has interpreted it. Not an easy task either dealing with many differnt personalities on the stage and trying to mesh

everyone into a unit.

The director is also part of the Casting Committee, which sends out notices through the media that readings will be held for a certain time. Anyone, whether a member or not, is invited to come and

All set, right? No. Now we go into the real produc-

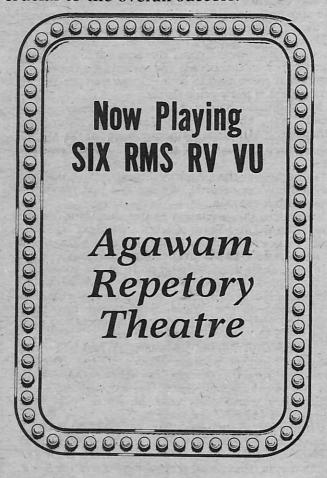
The stage manager is responsible for coordinating the crew. He serves as the go-between for the producer, the director, the cast and the crew. He directs

the lighting people, prop people, etc.

The set designer reads the play, knows the limitations of the place where the play will be shown, and then designs a set. He must remember the limitations concerning funds and capable hands to complete the



Dennis LeVeille adjusts lighting equipment for the current ART production. The lighting portion of the production is crucial to the overall success.



Photos By Jack Devine

Someone now must get a crew together to build the set. Obviously, this means a knowledge of carpentry painting, and what will work on the traveling platforms that make up A.R.T. stages.

Lighting people have to learn about different types

of lights, what they will do, how to show daylight, nighttime, moonlight, where to place lights so as not to cast shadows, where to highlight, etc. Everything has to have excellent timing as well.

Anything that is not nailed down on stage is carried on or off and is termed a prop. Someone has to be responsible for first collecting all the props needed and then making sure they are all in place at the right times.

Make-up is probably one of the most fun aspects of backstage. What wonders we can do with make-up. With knowledgeable people, the possibilities are endless.

Primarily because of funds, community theatre usually tries to keep away from heavy costume plays which are expensive, even to rent. However, whenever costumes are called for, whether modern or not, someone is needed who can research proper attire and be handy and creative with a needle.

Pictures are wanted for the press both to sell the production and later for reviewers. Photography plays an important role as well in keeping a history of the theatre for future reference.

With publicity, the first thing of interest is the pictures they get from the photographer with which they can confront the newspapers to inform the public of the upcoming feature. As much publicity as possible, including radio and television, will help to make the show a sell-out. The public can't go if they don't know it's going to be available to them.

Whoever takes the responsibility for tickets must

Whoever takes the responsibility for tickets must know how the seating arrangements will be in the play in which the play is to be shown. They must keep track of all tickets, placing people in the best possible way, knowing who has what tickets for sale, what is sold at all times, etc. A lot of paper work here. The program tells us who is in the play, what the

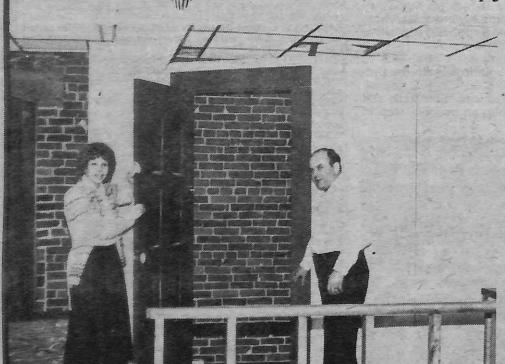
The program tells us who is in the play, what the setting is, and so on. Someone must design these programs, be responsible for getting the actors' biographies, sell ads to pay for the printing costs, and come in at showtime with a presentable product.

The house manager is responsible for seeing that doors are open on time and that people are greeted and seated at the start of the show. He will work closely with hostesses or ushers who take tickets, hand out programs, and show members of the audience to their seats.

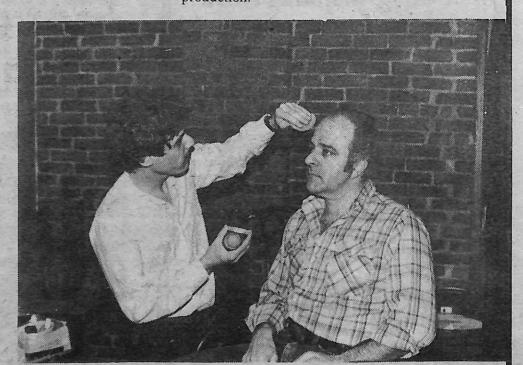
The social director usually takes responsibility for finding a place to have a cast party after the opening night performance and making any necessary arrangements for it. This is probably the favorite person on the staff of the theatre crew.

So there you have a brief idea of all the things there are to do when putting on a play. Being a traveling theatre, A.R.T. perhaps faces more challenges than the community theatre that has a permanent home.

After the show has completed its run, we pack up, take down sets, go home and get ready for the next production.



Lauren Jaroslow, set designer, is seen here going over some of the set with one of the construction crew, Hank Bousquet.



Joel Greenspan, when not acting, does such things as make-up as seen here preparing Dany Texiera for stage.

# EDITORIA

#### Vote On Hebert Raise Shows Fiscal Responsibility

It was rather ironic Tuesday evening that after the announcement by the School Superintendent Louis J. Hebert that 109 teachers will receive possible layoff notifications that the School Board, in turn, went into executive session to discuss a merit raise for Mr. Hebert and administrative pay raises for next year.

We have learned that in the executive session the School Board voted 4-3 to negate Hebert's January, 1981, merit raise and, included in that vote, the \$5,000 administrative raises for 1981-82.

If the vote is true and valid, as our information leads us to believe, then at least four of our elected officials have shown a deep concern for the school system and the community in general during an intense budgetary year due to Prop. 2 1/2.

The staggering news of 109 possible teacher layoffs set the tone of what followed to be an intense 3 1/2 hour executive session on Mr. Hebert's controyersial salary.

Although we strongly disagree with the 5-2 vote that entered into executive session to discuss a matter that needed airing in public, we feel encouraged that four members, whose names we will release in another editorial next week, heeded this newpaper's and the community's outcry on this potentially dangerous issue.

A Springfield School Committee member this week announced his intention to freeze all administrative salaries for the 1981-82 buget, which, as we understand it, was the School Board's intent Tuesday evening.

Hopefully, the School Board will soon publicly release the executive minutes of Tuesday's meeting so that their constituents can observe and evaluate the performances of our elected offcials in ac-

If our information is incorrect and Mr. Hebert does receive a pay raise in the wake of stunning teacher cuts and the panic it has created, then we shall be heard from again in future weeks to enlighten the public on this controversial and outrageous issue.

#### Bonavita Disrupting Govt.

Unfortunately, and much to our dismay, we find ourselves spending much time on our editorial pages recently on what we view as potentially disruptive elements of our political community.

But in these times of Proposition 2 1/2 and a tense atmosphere in both the school system and at Town Hall, we need common sense from our elected officials.

Councilwoman Elaine Bonavita has recently stepped up her attacks on Town Manager Richard Bowen and has, according to our many sources at Town Hall, had disrupted the administrative flow with department heads.

Just last week, for instance, Town Council voted 9-6 to discontinue their 10-year policy of allowing a free dialogue between the manager and councilors before adjournment of each regular meeting.

We have witnessed Ms. Bonavita's disruptive To The Editor: behavior during this last agenda item, and unfortunately, this sparked a move to terminate completely this dialogue.

Because her abuse of a long-standing privilege and complete disrespect for Mr. Bowen, the council was forced into an action that is most unfortunate.

We hope Ms. Bonavita's conduct will improve during this election year.

# Letters to the Editor

#### **Emergency Personnel Praised**

To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity through your newspaper to personally thank all the firemen and police officers involved in transporting me to the hospital early Tuesday, February 17th.

They were most courteous and compassionate. Many thanks, fellows!

> Sincerely, Natalie Whitmark 21 Leonard Street

#### More On Water Rates

To The Editor:

I want to say, I hope, the last word on the "selfsufficiency" of the Agawam Water Department.

At the meeting of the Citizens for Good Government last Wednesday night at the Town Hall, I presented every official record available and necessary and showed the records, visually, to the taxpayers' present. The records showed that each year since the town increased the water rates in 1975 to 1980 the department has shown a surplus revenue of \$149,000.00 - in 1975; \$209,000.00 - in 1976; \$240,000.00 - in 1977; \$260,000.00 - in 1978 and \$121,000.00 in 1979, not counting the odd dollars the total is \$979,000.00 so --- as I have said several weeks ago, almost a \$200,000 average surplus.

These amounts have been taken from the Agawam Annual Financial Report, and the Town Budgets for the above dates. These books are and have been closed and balanced and audited and are now history. The above was certified to the people at the meeting by their reviewing each amount in these records.

There is no way these records can be altered now. They are still intact, I hope, But some amounts have excerpted from the books, and added to a list of accounts that were used to have it show that the Water Department is not paying its way.

How stupid do they think we are? Obviously we are ahead, way ahead, of the Manager, Councilor Gallano, and Mr. Stone, Superintendent of the DPW. These three officials are the ones involved in this

We hope that the people will understand that we are quoting the records. We are not just playing a game with loose talk.

I welcome the invitation to put this issue before Town Council and Town officials anytime. I say if the councils' interests are for the benefit of the Town and its people they should arrange for a meeting.

In spite of all they could juggle from the books and all they could show was a deficiency of an estimated \$6,244.35. Historically every budget estimate that has been made of the Water Department has been estimated well within the cost of the operation, and since 1975 showed a surplus each year.

The above mentioned Town officials had better put their act together because besides all the dialogue spent retorting my charges they (the officials) have not told you the people that to make up the \$6,244.35 deficit they want to increase the water costs by a whopping \$434,073.00 - Wow.

If they get away with that, \$434,073.00 will be taken from you every year from now on--obviously as they have repeatedly stated on the council floor and in the media, they want that money to pay for 2 1/2.

We say it is irresponsible to throw out figures on fee charges, proposals, plans, costs: in fact, playing a button, button game of who is going to get what, when, how, and at what cost without supplying a positive 'comprehensive" plan.

So far the manager has displayed a total lack of knowledge or experience on how to handle the problems of water, sewers, and 21/2.

He has talked, talked, talked and more talk and hasn't yet given us, the people, on positive step in either direction.

Manager Bowen wasn't forced to release his recent statement to the press, but he did and caused a great deal of unnecessary strain and concern on the residents of Agawam.

With the editor's cooperation, I will have some observations to make on the confusion now rampant on the sewer issue.

Valentine R. Moreno Florida Drive

#### A Final Word From Rheault

I hope this reply to your guest editorial by Councilor Herd written February 26, 1981, will finally put to rest these issues.

President of the Agawam Town Council were more interested in conducting the town's business than in playing politics with "select councilors" with committee assignments.

I offer no apologies as chairman of Route 57. I have fulfilled my responsibility to that committee and the council and they know it. Contrary to what they are "claiming," I have called the necessary meetings and if anyone lacks information, it is their own fault.

I make no attempt to lead anyone into believing your actions were political, Mr. Herd. They were and it's perfectly obvious to anyone. I would like to attempt, though, to finally set the record straight.

1) I stated that "Fieldstad told me Bartnick and

Herd were very upset because he was making me the chairman of Route 57 sub-committee." TRUTH: That

is exactly what Mr. Fieldstad told me.
2)You stated Mr. Bartnik attended meetings and
minutes were not kept. TRUTH: Had Mr. Bartnik attended any of those meeting I mentioned, he would have known there was a registration sheet for all guests to sign and would have also known that minutes in fact WERE TAKEN. The facts and truth speak for themselves, Mr. Herd. They are public record and for anyone to view at any time.

3) You say that I intimated Mr. Kerr and "others" were rewarded by Mr. Fieldstad for their support of Mr. Fieldstad. TRUTH: Did not Mr. Kerr and the 'Other" switch their vote to you?

4) You state, Mr. Herd, that I can't face the reality of the recent unrelated events. TRUTH: Can you really think anyone is stupid enough to believe all of a sudden (after the election) changes need to be made on assignments and that you were, in fact, not getting even? The Cincotta-Rheault team was deleated only after Mr. Kerr and Ms. Bonavita switched their votes. I hope for your sake you don't accept that switch as an endorsement of your doing a respectable job.

5) You also claim, Mr. Herd, that you "don't care about my records" with regard to the Street Acceptance Committee that you are a member of and you did hold meetings of that committee. TRUTH: If, in fact, you held meetings as you state, I would suggest to you that secret meetings are in violation of the law and certainly you, as vice-president of the council, should know that. ALL meetings have to be posted at the Town Hall where all official records have to be kept. The Town Clerk's records show that your committee has never met.

> Donald M. Rheault Councilor, Precinct 3

#### LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, SS. CIVIL ACTION No. 81-252

To: JON B. WEBSTER, residing at 53 Royal Street,

To: JON B. WEBSTER, residing at 53 Royal Street, Agawam, MA 01001 and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: ALICE SHIBLEY claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering certain real estate situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, therein bounded and described as follows: "The land in Agawam, being shown as "The Remainder of Lot Nine (9)" on a plan entitled "Agawam, Mass. Plan of Land for Joseph Shibley Nov. 3, 1978, Pharmer Engineering Corporation," which plan is to be recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds. Being more particularly bounded and described as follows: NORTHERLY: by North Westfield Street one hundred thirty and 00/100 (130.00) feet; EASTERLY: by Lot No. 6 (six) as shown on said plan a distance of one hundred forty-two and 83/100 (142.83) feet; NORTHERLY: by said Lot No. 6 (six) and Lot No. 5 (five) as shown on said plan, two hundred five and 00/100 (205.00) feet; and

NORTHERLY: by Lot No. 4 (four) on said plan ninety and

00/100 (90.00) feet; EASTERLY: by land shown on said plan as remainder of Lot

No. 10 (ten) four hundred ninety-six and 31/100 (496.31)

feet; SOUTHERLY: by land of R. & L. Phaneuf as shown on said plan, four hundred twenty-eight and 52/100 (428.52) feet; WESTERLY: by the Town Line two hundred ninety-two and

NORTHERLY: by parcel shown as "See Plan by Pharmer Engineering Corp. dated 11 August 1976, one hundred seventy-one and 75/100 (171.75) feet; and

WESTERLY: by said parcel and by Lot No. 7 (seven) on said plan three hundred forty-one and 01/100 (341.01) feet. Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor herein by deed of Alice Shibley to be recorded herewith.

This mortgage is upon the statutory condition, for any breach of which the mortgagee shall have the statutory power of

SUBJECT TO a one hundred (100) foot wide right of way of Western Massachusetts Electric Company as shown on plan recorded as aforesaid in Book of Plans 181, Page 129.

GIVEN BY Jon B. Webster to the Plaintiff, dated December 1, 1978 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4701, Page 20 has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and by exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure, you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Springfield on or before April 3, 1981 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, JAMES P. LYNCH, ESQUIRE; Chief Justice of our Superior Court this twenty-seventh day of February 1981. Edward G. Shea, Clerk Published: March 12, 1981



Third graders in Mrs. Terry Augusti's class at Clark School listen carefully to tapes used to add to their educational experience. The kids, according to Mrs. Augusti, are very enthusiastic about the program. Photo by Jack Devine.

#### Learning Really Can Be Fun

By Joanne Brown

Third graders in Mrs. Terry Augusti's class at Clark School are treated to an enjoyable learning experience each Friday afternoon. In fact, it's so enjoyable that one youngster has declared, "I would wrather go to centers than do work."

This is exactly the reation Mrs. Augusti is seeking in

originating these weekly learning activities.

"This is my way of teaching and reinforcing basic skills in a different and fun manner," Mrs. Augusti explains. "It's also a very effective means of maintaining discipline because the children have to behave themselves during the week to be allowed to participate in centers on Friday.

Mrs. Augusti has organized four learning stations, each designed for twenty minute lessons for small group situations. The class is divided and scheduled on a rotating basis for 80 minutes each Friday afternoon. Parent volunteer Mrs. Patricia Daubney comes in to assist throughout that scheduled time.

The Shamrock Math area emphasizes basic math skills while the students play games. For example, in Shamrock Tic Tac Toe, each child will complete an addition or multiplication problem. The answer is then checked by his opponent, and if it's correct, the child gets an X. Then it's the other's turn to earn an O. The game continues until one child has earned three in a row. The game is fun while at the same time both children do the basic math skill involved in each pro-

The Listening Center changes its content in conjunction with whatever area of the curriculum Mrs. Augusti wishes to emphasize. The activity involves use of headphones, tapes, and filmstrips and is followed-up with mimeographed questions to be completed and kept in a folder.

The Library Corner/Art Center requires each child to read three fictional picture books from which he is to choose and recreate his favorite character. This artistic reproduction then becomes the focal point of an oral book report.

"The artistic quality of the project is not as important as the child's having the character to use as part of his oral presentation," Mrs. Augusti points out. "Many of the children need help in overcoming shyness or in their difficulties with verbalizing their thoughts, and this activity helps them a lot."

The fourth center is the Writer's Corner where children are encouraged to make up stories following established guidelines and using descriptive words. One popular topic for these imaginative third-graders is to create a story about a germ of their own such as a "sleep-late-in-the-morning germ."

The small groups of students enthusiastically complete each twenty-minute activity and rotate easily to the next so that all members of the class get to do all four centers. They are quiet, orderly and totally absorbed in their learning, though most of them do not feel as if they're really working hard.

As one student eloquently puts it, "I like centers on Fridays because we could just go on working, it's sort of like recess."

Another sums up Mrs. Augusti's basic idea with his statement, "I think it's worthwhile because we're learning and having fun at the same time."

#### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Mon., March 16: Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad,

chilled applesauce, milk

Tues., March 17: Hamburg in roll, steamed parsley rice, buttered wax beans, cheese cubes, lime jello

w/green topping, milk

Wed., March 18: Hamburg & gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered peas & carrots, wheat bread & but-

ter, chilled fruit cup, milk

Thurs., March 19: Bologna & cheese sandwich on roll, oven french fries, buttered broccoli, white cake w/chocolate icing, milk

Fri., March 20: Oven roast turkey, -whipped potatoes, buttered peas & carrots, bread & butter, applesauce bar, milk

#### **AHS Parents Night Slated**

The second Parents Night of the year at Agawam High School has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th from 7 to 9 p.m.

Conference times have been limited to five minutes each, and parents are asked to check with their children for the exact location in which each teacher may be found.

Administrators and guidance personnel will also be available for conferences should any parent wish to consult with them.

#### Phelps PTO To Meet

Bette Taylor of Bette Taylor Associates will be the guest speaker at Phelps School PTO on Wednesday, March 18th at 7:30 p.m. She will speak on assertiveness, its relevance and positive effects in every-

day living.

The public is welcome to attend this meeting held in the school cafeteria. Refreshments will be served.

#### Local Teacher To Serve On **Ludlow Evaluation Team**

Mrs. Elizabeth Prew, a teacher at Agawam High School, has been invited to serve on the visiting committee which will evaluate Ludlow High. She was selected by the Commission on Public Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges to serve on the evaluation committee because of her expertise in the area of Home Economics.

Founded in 1885, the association is the oldest regional accrediting association in the country and is recognized by the United States Commissioner of Education as the sole agency in New England to award accreditation to public middle, junior, and senior high schools in the six-state region.

The association is a voluntary league of over 1100 public and independent schools, colleges, and universities and vocational, technical, and career institu-

Mrs. Prew will serve as a member of staff and administration and home economics subcommittees and will assist in the preparation of the final report of the Ludlow High School evaluation.

#### AIC Releases Names On Fall Semester Dean's List

American International College has named 459 students to the Dean's List for the fall semester. These are fulltime undergraduate students who have distinguished themselves by outstanding scholarship during that semester.

Agawam residents to attain such standing include James Rolland of 76 Meadowbrook Road; Stephen Margosiak of 22 Oxford Street; William Michaels of 125 Country Road; Doreen Payne of 35 Virginia Street; and Peter Theordorowicz of 44 Silver Lake

Also named were Jeffrey Bartnik of 63 Coronet Circle; Jeffrey Richardson of 28 Pleasant Drive; Craig Royelli of 79 Lincoln Street; and Mary Taupier of 36 Hendom Drive.

#### Commerce Class of '71 Reunion

The Class of 1971 of the High School of Commerce is planning a tenth reunion vear September, 1981.

For tickets and more information, please contact Esther (Anderson) Johnson at 736-7428 or oan (Bedinofti) Harasymiw at 732-1537.

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#### Music Meets The Museum

Sylvia Starkie, a music specialist in the Agawam elementary schools, knows that students learn music as well as other subjects in different ways. She wants her students to understand musical terms and styles. Some students will learn best by listening to music; others, with strong imaginations, will find it easier to understand music by seeing pictures of musical sounds.

In order to help all students come to a greater understanding of music, Mrs. Starkie has created "Music Meets The Museum," a curriculum kit on music and art accomplished through the Wide Horizons Project this year. This imaginative kit gives elementary students the opportunity to use art to broaden and enrich their study of music.

Music Meets The Museum is based on the fact that artists and musicians use many of the same terms to mean the same things. The kit helps students explore how artists and musicians use similar "forms," or patterns in their works. Three musical forms are examined - theme and variation, fugue, and boogiewoogie.

In theme and variation, a composer creates a melody by repeating, changing and contrasting one central theme. Students apply theme and variation to art by taking their first or last initial as their theme and changing that initial in size, color, position and texture to create an art work.

Fugue means "to chase;" a musical fugue is a tune which is repeated in different keys so that the tune seems to chase itself through the music. Students create a three-dimensional fugue in art by designing motifs out of paper straws and by gluing the motifs together to create a feeling of chase in a particular direction.

Boogie-woogie is a type of jazz in which a melody is played against a strong steady framework - a constant beat of 1/8 notes. In visual terms, according to students boogie-woogie looks like splashes of color against a black grid of streets.

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Music Meets The Museum has already been used by an enthusiastic group of students at Danahy School and is now available to other students in the Agawam elementary schools. Mrs. Starkie is pleased by the success of this imaginative and creative method of studying music. As she says, "I thought it would work and it does!"

#### Faculty/Alumni Friends Of Music Recital Scheduled

The Faculty/Alumni/Friends of Music solo recital and jazz concert to be held on Wednesday evening, April 8th, at the Agawam Junior High School will be an addition to the regular solo/ensemble programs that have been held in Agawam schools for several years. Currently, there are nine afternoons of solo/ensemble performances by nearly 300 students at the various schools throughout town in addition to the two evenings of all-star solo recitals which feature those students who earned a superior rating.

The Faculty/Alumni evening will provide students with an opportunity to hear many of their teachers perform. Donations will be accepted for a music scholarship fund as well as to assist in part the attendance of Todd Rovelli and Andy Lester at the Music Educators All-Eastern Conference at Kiamisha Lake, New York. The boys will take part in the All-Eastern Honors Chorus and Band and will also be featured on the program as guest artists.

Any faculty member, former Agawam music program graduate, and friends of the music program is invited to perform at this April 8th recital. Please contact Mr. Darcy Davis if you will be available.

For the second half of the performance, a Big Band Jazz Ensemble is being formed of present staff members and some former music students. They will be a part of the Jazz Concert which will conclude the evening recital.

# Vocal Ensemble Honored As "Jazzy"



Members of the AHS vocal ensemble were honored as the outstanding show choir at a jazz festival last month at the University of New Hampshire. Members of the jazz combo also took fourth place in a jazz-rock vocal ensemble category. Stephen Files directs the group. Photo by Jack Devine.

#### Library Activities Scheduled

The Agawam Public Library will offer an after school story hour on Thursday, March 19th from 4 to 5 o'clock. The show will feature "Don't You Think That Mice Are Nice?" with stories and filmstrips about favorite storybook mice. Children aged 5 and older may register by calling the library at 789-1550.

The musical *Tom Sawyer* starring Johnny Whitaker and Celest Holm will be the feature film at the library's family film fest on Saturday, March 21st. Free tickets for the 1 or 3 p.m. shows may be reserved by phone (789-1550) or picked up at the circulation desk.

On Thursday, March 26th, the library will offer an after school story hour from 4 to 5 o'clock. "Meet Arnold Lobel and his Best Characters" will feature stories and filmstrips about the popular children's author and and starring Frog and Toad.

Children aged 5 and up may register by calling the library at 789-1550.

#### Laughing Brook Slates Activities

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is having a family afternoon program on Maple Sugaring on Saturday, March 14th from 1-4 o'clock.

The program will be led by Crystal Kofke and includes an introductory slide presentation and demonstrations of techniques. Samples will be given.

On March 14th at 9 p.m., Laughing Brook will sponsor a two-session workshop for color slide photographers titled Developing Slide Programs. Photographer/Naturalist John Green of Amherst will discuss equipment, planning and implementing.

A 4-session natural history workshop entitled Spr

A 4-session natural history workshop entitled Spring Amphibians will begin on Wednesday, March 18th at 7 p.m. The program designed for students and adults will teach details of the life history and ecology of local frogs and salamanders with Tom Tyning as the instructor.

All of these events are open to the public for a fee. For more information, call Laughing Brook any day at 566-8034.

#### Health Poster/Essay Contest Sponsored

The Massachusetts Medical Society and its auxiliary launch a statewide poster/essay contest this week open to all kindergarten through sixth graders in Massachusetts schools. Students are invited to enter by answering the following question with an essay, a poem, or a poster: "If good health means feeling as good as you can, how do you stay on the road to good health?"

Deadline for entries is April 15th, and winners will be announced by May 15th. First-, second-, and third-place winners will be selected at each grade level to receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond, \$50 bond, and an honorable mention certificate, respectively. In addition, a grand prize winner will be selected from all the entries to receive a special bicentennial award of a \$150 U.S. bond in honor of the society's 200th anniversary this year.

The contest will serve as a means to determine just how schoolchildren in this age group perceive good health. For more information, rules and entry forms, contact the Executive Secretary of the Mass Medical Society Auxiliary, 22 The Fenway, Boston MA 02215 or call (617) 536-8812 or (tollfree) 1-800-952-7418.

#### **IIAM Scholarship Offered**

The Independent Insurance Agents of Massachusetts is offering a \$1,000 college scholarship for a qualifying Massachusetts high school senior who intends to pursue a career in insurance.

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To qualify for the award, an applicant must be a Massachusetts resident, a graduating high school senior, have maintained a B or better average, express a desire to pursue a career in insurance and plan to attend a university maintaining an accredited undergraduate program in insurance.

Students must apply before April 30th. Andrew Simpson Jr. of the IIAM staff can answer questions by interested persons calling (617) 723-2990.

#### Sub Caf. Workers Wanted

The West Springfield School Lunch Department is accepting applications for substitute workers in the school cafeterias for those people who would like to work a few hours on a "call basis" as needed during any school days when regular workers are out on sick leave. A car is required to enable you to get to any of the ten schools in town.

Anyone interested is asked to apply at the School Lunch Office, located in the West Springfield High School, Room 623, 425 Piper Road, or call 732-7401 for more information.

# 1981 Cancer Kick-Off

Held At Rollaway Inc. - Main St., Agawam (7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.)

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#### Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo Chairman, Guidance Dept.

Rosemary A. DeStefano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luigi DeStafano of 86 Brien Street, a senior at Agawam High School, has just been informed that she is among the finalists nationwide in the Merit Scholar-

The Merit Scholarship program is privately funded with no state or federal grants included in their finances. For this reason, the vast majority of the 13,500 finalists do not actually receive monetary aid, but the honor accorded to them usually induces col-

leges and universities to grant them scholarships.

The total number of scholarships granted is determined by the amount of money donated by businesses and foundations. Every finalist, including Miss DeStefano, is considered for one of 1200 grants for \$1,000. Approximately 3500 will qualify for fouryear scholarship awards.

Criteria for qualifying once students have reached the finalist stage include parental employment, college choice, area of residence, and career goals.

#### More Scholarships For Seniors

Polish American Club and Women's Auxilary of Agawam: Seniors of Polish descent who will continue their education.

Agawam Lioness Club: Senior who is pianning on becoming a registered nurse. Also other allied medical fields.

Agawam Lions Club: Seniors furthering their education. Judged on scholastic standing, need, citizenship, and extra curricular achievement. Open to students going to technical and trade-schools, 2 and 4 year colleges and nursing schools.

Agawam-Feeding Hills Lioness: Senior who is planning on becoming a registered nurse or furthering their education in a health related field.

Agawam Lions Helen Hardina For Nursing: Senior continuing her education as a registered nurse. Agawam Junior Women's Club: Open to students planning on attending a 4 year college, a 2 year college, and a 3 year school. Also open to a housewife wishing to further her education.

Trestle Board Club: Senior whose relations are

members of a Masonic order.

Community Grange 32: Granted to any graduate who is enrolled for full time study in a course of a least 2 years in in institution of higher learning. Before scholarship is granted, an applicant must furnish proof of enrollment.

Springfield Turn-Verein, Inc., Bingo: High school seniors furthering their education. Based on financial need, scholastic achievement and academic ability. American Legion Wilson Thompson Post 185: Son or daughter of a veteran, must be continuing their

American Legion Auxillary 185: Son or daughter of a veteran, must be furthering their education.

Feeding Hills Women's Club: Open to any senior furthering their education.

Catholic Women's Club: Catholic student further-

ing their education - must be related to a current member of the club. Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxillary 1632: Son or

daughter of a veteran, must be continuing their education. (Veteran of a foreign war). Minnie Barden: Any student continuing their educa-

tion in the area of environment, conservation or

Falin M. Peirce: Seniors who attended Peirce Elementary School and are continuing their educa-

Agawam Education Association: Any student continuing their education.

Office of Student Affairs: Any senior continuing their education.

Distributive Education: Any senior continuing

their education.

Anderson-Morin Memorial: Senior who is a scholar-athlete and is furthering their education.

Gail A. Arnold Memorial: Senior girl who will attend Westfield State College and has been active primarily in cheerleading or colorguard.

#### Bermuda Trip For Agawam Woman

Laurie Ann Pelletier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Pelletier of Country Road, Agawam, will participate in Bay Path Junior College's Bermuda Trip during spring vacation March 21-27. Accompanied by the president of the college, the students will stay at the Elbow Beach Hotel for College Week activities. A member of the Class of 1981, Miss Pelletier is

enrolled in Bay Path's executive secretary program leading to an associate in science deg ee.

Miss DeStefano National Merit Finalist



Guidance Department Chairman Paul Cavallo looks on as Acting High School Principal John Morrissey presents Rosemary DeStefano with a certificate to acknowledge her standings with the Merit Scholarship program. Photo by Jack Devine.

#### ESP Timely Issue At Robinson School

By Joanne Brown

The initials ESP have come to signify a different message to students at Robinson Park School who have just completed their first Energy Saving Poster contest. Actually, because of the fervor with which this school-wide contest was conducted, the initials could stand for Enthusiastic Student Participation.

The Student Government at the school, which consists of representatives from each classroom of grades 3 through 5, decided to sponsor a total school project to increase their fellow students' awareness of energy conservation needs. These school leaders wrote their own presentations of the poster contest to create in-terest in the project and then visited each classroom from kindergarten to fifth grade to deliver their pitch.

In conjunction with the poster contest, teachers cooperated by covering energy units within the curriculum, and the art teacher taught some of her

classes poster making.
All of the posters entered were displayed on the walls of the cafeteria for other students to view. Official judges for the contest were art teacher Mrs. Marge Sherman, school secretary Mrs. Alice Quick, and custodian Edward Donald.

In the judging, good ideas were weighed equally with artistic merit. Winners, chosen at each grade level, will be given a free lunch courtesy of Principal Barbara Skolnick.

Winners were as follows: Kathryn O'Brien, kindergarten; Timothy Rapa, first grade; Eisa Moccio, third grade; Randy Bubar, fourth grade. There were no entries from second grade.

So many fifth graders entered that four winners were chosen. They were Charissa Cartello, Robert Drew, Alex Kohli, and Amy Parkman.

Several clever slogans emerged from the energy awareness campaign. One in particular centered on conserving electricity: "Save Energy: It's A Bright

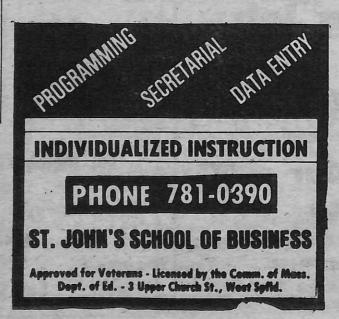
In considering this type of school project, one might paraphrase that statement to read "Save This Idea: It's A Great Use of Creative Energy.

#### **Agawam Educator Attends Graduate Conference**

Agawam resident and Director of the Division of Graduate Studies at Springfield College Dr. Emery W. Seymour recently attended the 1981 Northeast Regional Conference on Graduate Education in Health, Physical Education and Recreation held in

The program included sessions on trends in graduate education, seeking funds, shrinking resources, and a problem-solving session discussing possible remedies.

Dr. Seymour joined the Springfield College faculty in 1956 and was appointed to his present position in 1966. He is also the current holder of the Buxton Physical Education Chair.







National Honor Society President Todd Rovelli.

#### Publishers Note...

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the 67 new members and the 39 second year members of the Agawam High School National Honor Society.

Academic excellence at any level merits much praise. This fine group of young people, admirably led by senior Todd Rovelli, are the future lifeblood of the Community, the Commonwealth and the Country.

It's not easy achieving the rank of a National Honor member...today's fast pace often lends itself to other preoccupations rather than studies, and being a member of this elite group is truly an honor.

Advisor Laurel Malerba also must be

recognized for her efforts to ensure that the fine tradition of NHS is upheld by its membership. RMS

#### **New Members Of** National Honor Soc. Inducted

On Friday, March 6th, the Eleanor H. Smith Chapter of the National Honor Society at Agawam High School inducted 67 new members and honored 39 second-year members.

At the formal candlelight ceremony conducted by the officers, the new members were received and given membership pins and cards. Second-year members received year pins to attach to their

membership pins awarded last year.

Officers for this year are Todd Rovelli, president;
Tom Sibilia, vice-president; and Beth Golemo, treasurer. Mrs. Laurel Malerba is the faculty advisor.
Following the ceremony, members, their parents, and invited guests were treated to refreshments.

Election to this society is based on a student's maintaining an overall academic average of 85 or above. Additional criteria for the selection are leadership qualities, service, and character.

SECOND YEAR MEMBERS

Ann Abbey, Lori Acosta, Thomas Albano, David Allen, Paul Balboni, Tommy Bousquet, Scott Cousineau, Wendy Czerpak, Rosemary DeStefano, Michael Ehresman, Judith Ferguson, Kathy Foley, Jackie Fortier, Glenn Geddis, Karol Goehlert Also, Beth Golemo, David Hanson, John Jury, Karl Kamyk, Georgia Kratimenos, Robert Lancour, David Meade Laurel Masi, Pat Misisco, Lynette Mokan

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ignato, and Sue Vinesett.

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Karen Wilson

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A Massachusetts Bottle Bill once again came before the Legislature, this time with an adverse report. The House voted to overturn the report of the committee, thereby insuring virtual passage in the House.

I offered two amendments which would strike what I consider to be unrelated additions. The first item prohibits the use of a plastic holding device (as used in six packs of soda, beer etc.) unless they were made of biodegradable material. Beyond an "intrusion of the state upon private business" factor, the new holders are to be a paper container.

Since 70 percent of our litter is paper refuse, the new containers could well increase the bulk of litter as a result.

I objected to another section which reads as follows: SECTION 3. Any person who was employed on the date of enactment of this act and in 9he opinion of the director of the division of employment security, loses his position of employment before January 1, 1984 with an employer located in the commonwealth who is a bottler, canner or manufacturer of beverage containers as defined in section three hundred and twenty of chapter ninety-four as the result of this act shall be considered a bottler bill impacted person.

A bottle bill impacted person shall be eligible for the following: 1) A readjustment allowance which when added to the weekly benefits received under subsection a) of section twenty-nine of chapter one hundred and fifty-one A will provide said employee with an amount equal to seventy percent of his average weekly wage as defined in said sub-section a) of section twenty-nine of said chapter one hundred and fifty-one. A for a period not exceed fifty-two weeks from the date of his separation.

A bottle bill impacted person who is sixty years of age or older at the time of his separation may receive up to twenty-six additional weeks.

2) Job restraining in a program which shall be created by the department of economic affairs. Any such individual shall be retrained in an occupation which can be expected to provide a rate of pay at least equal to what he was receiving at the time of such loss of employment as determined by the

Participation in a job retraining program shall not disqualify a bottle bill impacted person from receiving readajustment allowance benefits as defined in this section provided all criteria are met except that his participation in a retraining program has caused him to be not available for full time employment.

The cost of said readjustment allowance and job retraining programs shall be borne entirely by the commonwealth.

Both amendments were defeated, the bill approved and sent to ways and means because of a fiscal requirement.

Employees of bottlers or canners average 350 to 450 dollars per week and the underlined portions of section three could mean big bucks. It is getting harder to fight for increased distribution of state monies back to cities and towns when new spending programs are being instituted, and old dollars are committed.

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If an emergency does occur, call the Poison Control Center (1-800-682-9211) or a physician immediately UNLESS the poison is in the eye, on the skin, or poisonous vapors have been inhaled.

If the poison is in the eye, rinse the eye for 15 minutes with cool water from a tap or poured from a container, then call the Poison Control Center. Do not

let the victim rub his/her eyes.

If the poison is on the skin, first wash the area thoroughly with water then use bar soap and water before calling the PCC

If poisonous vapors or fumes have been inhaled, first move the victim away from the area and into fresh air and loosen all clothing before calling the

When calling the PCC, it is recommended that you have the container that held the poison with you. Persons at the PCC will want to know the age of the victim, what was ingested and what its ingredients are, how much of the product was taken, when the accident occurred, and if the victim is presently exhibiting any bizarre behavior or unusual symptoms. The PCC will provide specific information quickly; most poisoning emergencies can be handled right in-

Quite often the physician or PCC will instruct the caller to induce vomiting. NEVER make the victim vomit unless specifically directed to do so by the doctor or PCC. NEVER induce vomiting if the patient has swallowed a petroleum product (gasoline, lighter fluid, cleaning fluids) if the patient is drowsy or unconscious or if the patient is having convulsions (fits).

If you are instructed to use syrup of ipecac, give one tablespoon followed by a large glass of water or juice. If you can have the victim drink more liquid, do it. Do no let the child lie down, but keep him/her active. Motion helps to cause vomiting. If the patient hasn't vomited within 15-20 minutes, give another tables-poonful of ipecac and another glass of water or juice. specac can be purchased at any pharmacy and is quite

If a trip to a local hospital is deemed necessary, it is recommended that you bring the poison and its container with you. Bring any vomitus you collect. DON'T give the victim any substances like coffee, alcohol, or other stimulants.

The best advice in any poisoning case, except poisonous bites, is to get the poison out or off or dilute it. Call promptly for emergency help. Remember the most critical period is the first hour or so after a poisoning occurs. Every minute could be a matter of

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Women will often choose an eyeshadow because it looks pretty in the tube, but that does not necessarily make it best for them. That's why it is so important to get help in selecting the right eyeshadow and then in learning how to use it to correct faults, not look puf-

Women with puffy skin around their eyes should use a darker shadow. Deep set eyes need light, bright shadows on the lids to bring them out. Women should not follow the eye shadow look that is recommended by the latest fashion magazines. Every woman should learn what shape eye she has and then learn how to put eye shadow on properly.

There are five basic types of eyes. A) Eyes too small for the rest of the face should be enlarged by having shadow all over the eyelid and then a ribbon of color at the outer edge of the eye up to the brow. Brows should be tweezed to give maximum space between the lashes and the brows. The entire area above the eyelid should not be covered with eye shadow because this can make the eyes look smaller.

B) Deep-set eyes need to be pulled out and made to

seem larger. Use pale, frosted eye shadow or white from the lash line to the brow. Keep the shadow soft and light and contained within the bone structure of the eye socket. The brow should be a thin, properly rounded arch. A too heavy brow makes deep-set eyes look even more so.

C) Round, bulging eyes need to be narrowed and made longer so that they are more in balance with the contours of the face. A darker eye shadow which is brought out beyond the eye gives the impression of pulling the eyes sideways to make them look narrower. Lashes should be elongated with mascara being used at the outer edges and a light, long brow makes hte eyes look less heavy. Brown shadow works well on this type of eye.

D) Long, narrow eyes need to be made to appear deeper and rounder. This can be done with soft tones of blue or green eye shadow which is rounded up over the entire eyelid and blended above the lid to the

E) Wide-set eyes need to be made to look softer and more subtle. They often appear "flat" as opposed to deep-set so the illusion of depth must be created by shadowing under the brow bone and then using lighter tones toward the hollow of the eye. You could use a light, pearlized tone over the whole lid; a deeper shade in the middle of the eye; and a light, highlighter at the brow bone.

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By Stephen R. Jacapraro, D.M.D.

I have decided to answer two questions that I am sure are on everyone's lips. If they haven't reached your lips yet, hopefully they have made it past the uvula to the tip of your tongue. If so, please don't swallow until you have finished this article.

People are often asking how useful is flossing. Flossing is great if done properly. That is the main problem. Too many people use floss incorrectly, from Ben Franklin who though it came in handy for kite flying to your favorite local gift wrapper.

Proper flossing requires some degree of dexterity that takes practice to achieve. Your dentist or his hygienist should be able to instruct you in its proper use. When done correctly, it will remove interdental debris and cut down on gum problems and cavities.

The only way to clean the contact region of teeth

against each other is with floss. A toothbrush bristle cannot fit into the contact region, but the food you eat and the bacteria present in the mouth can sneak between contacts and create their problems.

I recommend an unwaxed dental floss. The best amount of times to floss is after each meal because the food gets between the teeth at each meal, but if you are a once a day person, floss just before bedtime. Incorrect use of the floss can damage tender gum tissues causing causing bleeding and swelling.

Is it necessary to use a water irrigating device in order to keep your gums in good shape? The use of such devices is most advantageous to two groups: those wearing orthodontic appliances (braces) where food is constantly getting caught around the teeth and those people with full mouth rehabilitation (all caps and permanent bridges) because the teeth are all attached together and dental floss will not pass through

One way of cleaning underneath these bridges is with a water irrigating device kept on a very low pressure setting. In areas where gum problems exist, particles of food forced under the gum could cause abscesses. These devices are not effective in removing plaque or tartar, but in removing loose food debris. For the removal of plaque from beneath bridges, have your dentist or his hygienist demonstrate the use of a

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# **SPORTS**

A Night Of Frustration...



This scene was typical in Agawam's heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Classical Saturday night...a forward buzzing around the Bulldog net only to be thwarted by goalie Bill Burtch. Photo by Jack Devine.

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# Bulldogs Edge Brownies 2-1 In Div. I Classic

By Steve Berard

It was a question of doing everything right but winning for Agawam pucksters Saturday night at the Coliseum

The Brownies battled the Bulldogs of Classical in Division One semi-final action in what was a goaltending treat. The defending Div. One champs outlasted the locals, 2-1 setting the stage for their stunning 5-0 whitewash of Cathedral three nights later.

"On paper we should have won this game," claims senior pointman Steve Moreau. Moreau's statement is backed up by the shots on nets stats. Agawam outshot Classical 37-29 for the game, and 17-7 in the third period

Classical's defensive stalwart was netminder Bill Burth. Burtch kicked aside numerous Brownie' scoring opportunities, especially early in the opening period when the locals came out flying.

period when the locals came out flying.

"We just ran into a hot goalie," stated varsity coach
Bill Sapelli. "The team played one of their best games
and I think there's no doubt that we outplayed them,"
added Sapelli.

With Burtch playing flawlessly, Agawam's Kevin Kamyk was equal to the task, until a fluke goal was tallied by Dave Tremblay with 41 seconds left in period one.

A puck in back of the net deflected off Pete Spaulding's stick, hit Kamyk on the shoulder and rolled off his back and into the net. The tally soured the first session for the Brownies who had moved the puck well and dominated play.

puck well and dominated play.

With the momentum heading into the second stanza, the Bulldogs made it 2-0 on Tremblay's second goal, this one coming on a powerplay and off slick passing by mates Bob Mucha and Ray Wholley.

Third period pace was fast and furious. Agawam

Third period pace was fast and furious. Agawam totally dominated, outshooting Classical by a 2-1 margin. The townees finally broke the barrier with five minutes remaining in the contest.

Senior Jeff Masi scored his 36th point of the season by flipping the disc over Burtch's glove. Assiting on the goal was Jimmy Shea and Todd Ruby.

In the final minutes, the Brownies made an all out

In the final minutes, the Brownies made an all out effort to score the equalizer. A penalty gave the locals one last gasp with less than a minute to play. Sapelli yanked Kamyk for the extra attacker but time proved Agawam's most crucial enemy as the clock elasped.

Sapelli had many words of praise for his unit after their strong effort. "The kids gave 110 percent and didn't quit. It's hard to pick individual stars because it was a team effort," noted Sapelli. "Everyone played super."

The 1980-81 season was the best eve statistically for the locals in Division One. They had the most wins, goals, and fewest goals allowed in the school's history. Eleven seniors are falling to graduation's axe and Sapelli anticipates a rebuilding year for 81-82.

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# On Sports

BY JOHN DALTON

You don't have to be a kid to realize that good old roller skating is America's newest craze — an easy way to combine fun and fitness.

Figures show more than 45 million Americans roller skate. That's a huge increase of 49 percent from the 28 million reported just three years ago.

years ago.
Why is roller skating once again so popular?

A key reason is rock 'n' roll. Many indoor arenas have turned into virtual roller discos — featuring loud music, bright lights and flashy outfits.

flashy outfits.

Adding fuel to widespread popular interest in roller skating is a study by the United States Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating with UCLA researchers.

It pinpointed roller skating definitely as an aerobic fitness health activity. The study confirmed too that roller skating burns up 600 calories an hour and reduces the risk of heart disease.

Skating authorities, noting that the sport is good exercise as well as fun, recommend that you skate three times a week.

#### Sophs Shine In JV Grappling Tourney

By Steve Berard

The future for Agawam wrestling looks extremely bright after Saturday's successful outing at the Junior Varsity Wrestling Tournament. The tourney, held at Westfield High School, matched the Brownie matmen with six other teams including tough squads from Putnam and Westfield.

Entering seven grapplers, the locals took three first places and would have had a decisive victory if a team competition had been held. Agawam's strong show-

ing was as follows: Dave Duclos (Junior, 121 lbs.) 4th place; Tony Bryant (Sophomore, 128 lbs) 1st place; Tom Lockwood (Sophomore, 128 lbs) 3rd place; Danny White (Sophomore, 140 lbs) 4th place; John Duggan (Junior, 148 lbs.) 1st place; Kevin Bradway (Junior, 148 lbs.) 2nd place; and Steve Grassetti (Sophomore, 188 lbs.) 1st place.

Duggan and Bradway, finishing one-two in the 148-pound class, faced each other in the finals where Duggan came through with a narrow 3-0 decision. The strong grappler duo will be entered in different weight classes next season as only one grappler can qualify for each spot. Bradway plans to lift over the summer and hopes to move up to the 169-pound class. Duggan, who has been out most of the season, has been undefeated since his return to the line-up three weeks ago.

The performances of sophomores Steve Grassetti and Tony Bryant were not surprising. The two have done well all season, and with varsity grappler Frankie Cavallo, there should be a well-rounded and

experienced group of juniors for 1981-82.

The group praised the efforts of Coach Jerry Mason. "Jerry was a great coach," emphasizes Bradway. "He pushed a lot when we had given up because of all the injuries we had.'

A pleased Mason claimed, "The guys were super; they really came through in the end."

Bradway and Duggan are optimistic about the unit's outlook for next season. "The sophomores look strong," notes Bradway, "and Bryant and Grassetti will be awesome."

Duggan adds, "We did very well in the tourna-ment, and we should be solid next year.'

With the continued coaching of experienced mentor Phil Tomkiel and with the wrestling pro-grams he is developing in the Middle and Junior High Schools, it looks like a strong foundation has been set and that success for the Agawam grapplers will continue to grow



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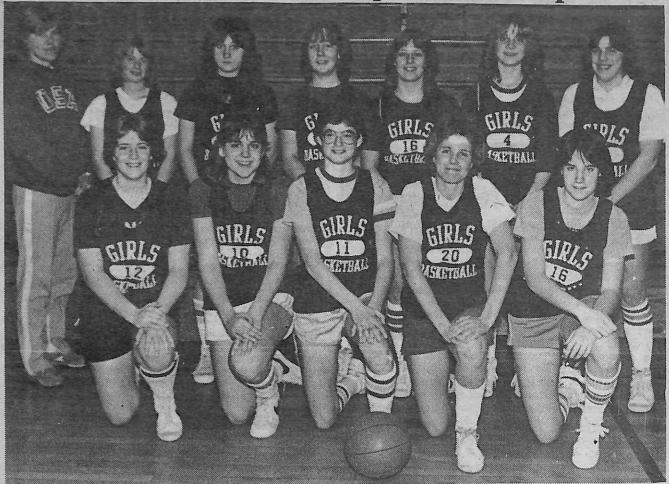
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Members of Agawam High's 1980-81 Tournament qualifying girls varsity basketball squad are, standing, from left, Terri Ouellette, manager; Karen Mazza, Laura Gendron, Lynn Mokan, Maria Kozloski, and Chris Altobelli. Kneeling: Shari Baldarelli, Karol Goehlert, Karen Barr, Debbie Cheetham, Barb Walsh. Photo by Jack Devine



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# AAA Highlights

**BOYS 8-10** 

Christy's Plumbing turned in an excellent game last week to knock Lunden Construction out of a first place tie with St. Theresa's. Giving an all-out effort for Christy's were Peter Vecchiarelli, Tony Piazza,

Jim Anderson, Jason Ferris, and Paul Sandlin.

Trying their utmost to hang on to first place for Lunden were Marc Early, Eric Early, Joey Kosinski,

Brian Court, and Chris Drapeau.

Next week's games in this league will decide the championships. Laf-Mor Amusements will go against the Elks at 2:30 and then the featured game between first place St. Theresa's and second place Lunden Construction will take place at 3:30.

#### BOYS 10-12

Westbank's upset over first place Agawam Custo-dians put the 10-12 league up for grabs. Coach Dave Lyne of Westbank got a total team performance for this stunning win. Playmakers Bob Dupre and Pete Saracino controlled the tempo of the game. The re-bounding of Jim Helton, John Sandlin, and Ted Leal

bounding of Jim Helton, John Sandlin, and Ted Leal shutdown the Custodian five.

Westbank's victory made next week's contest crucial to the three teams - Feeding Hills Hardware which plays the Custodians and McCarthy Tile.

In last week's game, the Custodians Tony Frogameni played his finest game of the season to keep things close and force the thriller into overtime. Jim Hanson also performed well for the Custodians, who have their backs against the wall going into next who have their backs against the wall going into next Sunday's game with Feeding Hills Hardware.

#### **BOYS 13-15**

Coach Dave D'Amours' Lions Club beat Village Lounge 55-33. The Lions were led by Jeff Losito, Mike Petrone, Mike Butt, and Don Shaughnessey

Village Lounge had an outstanding game from Tony Kunasek and Mike Shayda.

**8-10 GIRLS** 

The Elks beat the previously undefeated Lions by one point to set the stage for a crucial game next Saturday. The Elks, with a second half surge led by Lisa Connor, overcame the stubborn Lions. Defensive standouts for the Elks were Donna Grasso, Tonya Mercadante, Maureen Hersey, and Leigh Whittaker.
Playing a strong game for the Lions were Susan

Fassnacht, Donna Stone, Sophie Osentoski, Allyson Murphy, and the always dependable Amy Vacirca.

#### 11-13 GIRLS

Sandy Lynch and Karen Phillips led the way offensively for Liquori Brothers in their win over E-Con-O

Sales. Providing some key defensive plays were Tracy-Armstrong, Michelle Favreau, and Kara O'Connell.
Offensively, Gina Letellier, Lois Carra, and Nancy Nickerson led the way for E-Con-O. Playing good defense were Kelli Trudel, Lisa Kozel, Julie Ferioli,

#### **Agawam Native** Gets Hole In One

Late last month, three former Agawam men who now reside in the Houston, Texas area set out to play a few holes at Texaco Country Club in Houston. Ed Faits, Ted Oliver, and Pete Shibley, all 1972 graduates of Agawam High, completed eight holes with Shibley struggling against the more experienced members of

On the ninth hole, a 145-yard par 3 over water, Shibley pulled out an eight iron and nailed his tee shot to land ten feet from the pin. To the astonishment of all, the ball continued to roll in for Shibley's first hole-

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Shibley works in Houston as a claims adjuster for State Farm Insurance Company. Faits is a computer programmer for Texaco, and Oliver is a mortgage loan officer for Banker's Life.

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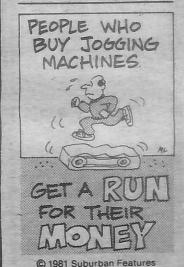
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